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## Telegrams.

### THE PLAGUE.

#### ANOTHER HEROIC EUROPEAN DOCTOR DIES.

Tsien-pu Railway Infected.

25,000 DIE IN ONE CITY.

[THE "TELEGRAPH" CORRESPONDENT.]

Tientsin, Jan. 25, 4.50 p.m.

The plague is continuing to spread, and bad news is arriving here from many districts.

I learn from Harbin that a Russian

priest has succumbed to the infected area. By order of the authorities the body has been buried.

The situation at Mukden has become much worse.

Fifty-eight cases of plague were reported yesterday, and of these fifty died.

One of the Chinese medical men, Dr. Hsu Shi Ming, who went north to fight the plague, has become infected.

The authorities are now confining all their energies to preventing the disease spreading; but little can be done for those who are stricken.

#### A STRICKEN CITY.

Santiation is a city of the dead. Its population of 40,000 has been reduced by the dreadful scourge to 15,000. The city is now isolated by the military, a cordon of troops preventing any from entering or leaving.

From Shanhaikuan 22 cases are reported to-day. Eight have proved fatal. Eleven deaths occurred last morning at Pootungfu, while additional cases are reported here and at Peking, but up to the time of writing no deaths occurred.

Tientsin, 9.50 p.m.

Sixty new cases are reported from Mukden this evening. Forty persons have died.

Two deaths occurred this afternoon in the Austrian concession here.

Serious news has reached me from

the south. The epidemic has spread along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway line, and almost every village for miles is now infected. Deaths are numerous.

The authorities have stopped the trains.

#### HEROIC DOCTOR.

We were shocked to learn here to-day that Dr. Jackson, of the well-known Shanghai doctors, Jackson, Hanwell and Jackson, is dying of the pest at Mukden.

He arrived there only last week, but devoted himself heart and soul to fighting the dread disease and while he could do heroic work.

It is reported that numerous cases of plague are now occurring in Tientsin, Native City, but it is impossible to verify them owing to the Chinese Government's policy of reticence.

All traffic has now been stopped by Imperial Edict on the Imperial Railways of North China from Shanhaikuan and Tongku to the South.

#### HOW INDIA VIEWS THE OUTBREAK.

The "Advocate of India" says:—Our last epidemic in Bombay had its origin in Hongkong, of that there seems to be but little doubt, and began at Mandri. The transmission of plague from one Chinese port to another is not a difficult matter, and the commerce between those ports and Bombay is sufficient to import the disease at any time. Wherefore it behooves us to take special precautions.

#### THE HANKOW FRACAS.

#### BUSINESS RESUMED IN THE CITY.

[The "Sheung Po" Service.]

Hankow, January 26.

Quiet is being gradually restored here after the unfortunate incident of the killing of the ten Chinese by Indian police.

The shops in the city were all closed after the affair and business was at a standstill, but to-day they have reopened and trade has been resumed.

[The riot was the result of the accidental killing of a ricksha coolie by a policeman. It broke out in the British Concession, and quickly assumed such

ugly proportions that the British and German volunteers were mobilised, and

both H.M.S. "Thetis" and G.M.S. "Jaguar" landed men and quick-firers. The mob

were fired on and ten persons were killed. The casualties included several Europeans, among them a number of

sailors, and the Customs Tao-tai, who was severely wounded. The entire business of the city was suspended, and the

procautionary measures taken were not abandoned until a day or two later. The Viceroy of Wuchang sent 2,000 native troops to restore order.]

## CHINA AND KING GEORGE.

### IMPERIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CORONATION.

[The "Sheung Po" Service.]

Peking, Jan. 25.

His Highness Prince Tsai-jun, eldest son of Prince Ching, has been appointed by Imperial Decree to represent the Emperor of China at the coronation of King George V.

### DUKE OF CONNAUGHT TO HAVE CHARGE OF MILITARY.

The Duke of Connaught has been invited (says the "Pall Mall Gazette") to take command of the whole of the troops which will be assembled in London for the Coronation, the military arrangements for which are now well advanced.

To line the streets on the day of the actual ceremony, and when the King and Queen make their progress through the heart of the metropolis, 60,000 regular troops will be required. These will be drawn from nearly every garrison in the kingdom, the bulk coming, of course, from Aldershot. The territorials also will be largely used for lining the route. Practically all the metropolitan volunteers will be under arms, and the provincial territorials will be represented by the corps of which the King is colonel-in-chief.

The contribution of the Royal Navy will amount to nearly 9,000 men, and by direction of the King they will provide the guard of honour outside Westminster Abbey, as well as occupy a leading position in the royal procession.

### QUEEN ALEXANDRA WILL HAVE THRONE.

An interesting feature of King George's coronation will be the provision of a third throne for Queen Alexandra. This will be placed on the left of the King's coronation chair, Queen Mary's being on the right. The two Queens' chairs will be identical in height, and each will be two steps lower than that of the King.

Westminster Abbey will be closed to the public from the middle of February, when it will be handed over to the Office of Works. When this takes place a complete transformation in the interior of the building will begin.

At the crowning of King Edward at least 7,000 spectators were present. This number is likely to be considerably exceeded, since King George has ordered that accommodation shall be provided for members of the House of Commons and their ladies. Two tickets will be available for every member, and these will be issued early in the new year.

Each member of the House of Lords is entitled to a ticket for the ceremony and another for his lady, and these demands must be satisfied before any other claims are considered, even those of foreign royalties or their representatives. Extra accommodation will be provided by erecting galleries in the chapel of

King Edward the Confessor, which commands an excellent view of the whole ceremonial. Similar galleries were built prior to the coronation of King Edward, but were not used, because it was feared that they might obstruct the view of distinguished visitors.

### COMPANY REPORT.

THE HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

The ninth report of the Board of Directors to the ordinary meeting of shareholders to be held at the Company's Offices, Victoria Buildings, at 12 o'clock noon, on Saturday, the 4th February, 1911, is as follows:—

Gentlemen.—The directors have now to submit to you a general statement of the affairs of the Company, and balance sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1910.

The net profits for the year, including \$304,148.17 brought forward from last account, after paying all charges and writing off the sum of \$40,123.62 from Loans Receivable, amount to \$273,234.75. It is now proposed to pay a dividend of 7 per cent on the paid up capital after providing for which and writing off directors and auditors' fees, there remains a balance of \$202,509.78 to be carried to credit of a new Profit and Loss Account.

Directors.—Messrs. C. S. Gubbay and E. Shillim having resigned Messrs. S. A. Levy and W. Logan were invited to join the Board and these appointments now require confirmation.

Messrs. S. A. Levy and W. Logan now retire, but offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. W. H. Potts and A. O'D. Gourdin, who now retire and are recommended for re-election.

### WIRELESS.

IMPORTANT INVENTION.

Rome, December 16.—Professor Jacovello, of the Parma University, has invented for the production of Hertzian waves an improved appliance which is likely to revolutionise wireless telegraphy. The invention secures a more intense and continuous waves, and increased wave length. Signals influenced by the new appliance are received with extraordinary force and clearness.

### CRICKET.

United Services v. Hongkong, January 30th and 31st. The following will represent the United Services:—Lt.-Col. L. A. H. Hamilton, Capt. H. K. Hughes, Lieut. C. R. T. Thorpe, Lieut. A. U. Collis-Brown, 1st K.O.Y.L.I., Capt. D. Clapham, Capt. G. E. Garnett, Lieut. H. G. Bagnall, R.G.A., Lieut. E. J. H. Haughton, 10th M.L.I., Lieut. Murray, Lieut. Ward, Mr. G. A. Cooke, R.N.

## THE NEW YEAR.

### HOW ROBBERIES ENTERED A HOUSE.

[THE "TELEGRAPH" CORRESPONDENT.]

Canton, Jan. 25.

On the 22nd inst., the house occupied by Cheung Kwai Sun and family in Hok Yuen Lane, was entered by robbers. It appears that there was a knock at the door, and when the inmates enquired as to the cause the robbers replied that they had New Year's presents in the form of dried meat, for the master of the house.

The door was opened and the desperadoes rushed in, and ransacked the house. The police arrived but no arrests were made.

### THE BIORAMA.

THE BRITISH AND THE MOVING PICTURE.

The manager of a moving picture show declares the fact that British actors and actresses do not make good subjects for this form of acting, as so much depends on gesticulation, and it is admitted that we, as a race, fail in this. Moreover, the British actor finds it hard to take the matter seriously, an example of which given.

A thrilling scene was being prepared where a murderer is pursued by blood hounds and shot. When the pictures were thrown on the screen, the infuriated manager saw that all the actors—corpses, villains, and pursuers—were wearing broad grins. The dogs were the only serious people in the play.

One can imagine what the manager said as five hundred feet of grim flanked before him. On the whole, though, one prefers our national habit of self-restraint, even if we have to leave the biography (held to French) and Italian actors. Gesticulation may be necessary to moving pictures, but it is apt to pall in ordinary conversation. The vivacious gentleman who brings every muscle into play when speaking, and uses eyebrows, shoulders, and hands to emphasise his speech, is rather a tiring companion. A deaf mute would appreciate it, but it is our custom to say what we have to say, without "throwing ourselves about," as the irreverent small boy said. In a foreigner it looks natural enough, and we are glad to see it, since we do not want all races moulded on the one pattern, but the Britisher cannot gracefully use "apt gesticulation's artful aid" (to vary the poet).

The Hongkong Royal Yacht Club's regatta and smoking concert, which were postponed on account of the death of Rear-Admiral Guller, will take place on February 11.

A long letter in the current "British Medical Journal" on "State Sickness" is entirely non-political, and has no bearing on the nervous debility of the Government. Nor does a note on "Dublin Gas" in the "Lancet" include a single reference to Mr. Redmond. Now could these class journals be to passing events?

Prodigies are no longer exponents of the "fine arts"—unless swindling be a fine art. From Boston comes the news of a boy stockbroker who has "disappeared" after having swindled older heads out of important sums. One of his victims is, it is said, a Scotch comedian. Truly, the boy stockbroker must have been a genius.

The opening of the Belle Vue Hotel's open air skating rink takes place to-night, and the management is working hard to make the event a great success. The feature of the night will be a masquerade carnival, in which prizes will be given for the best dressed lady and the most attractive costume. A prize will also be awarded to the most comely gentleman. A carnival on skates has never been held in the colony, and the proprietor is to be commended on the idea. Late cars will run from the hotel gate to the Central Market at 11.30 p.m.

## Today's Advertisement.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LD.

THE 27th ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, St. George's Building, 6 Cornhill Road, Victoria, on SATURDAY, the 11th February, 1911, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December 1910, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the COMPANY will be CLOSED from MONDAY the 6th to SATURDAY the 11th February 1911, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO., General Managers, Hongkong, 26th Jan., 1911. [849]

## WISDOM WHILE YOU WAIT.

Bishop of Liverpool.—Men make houses, but women make homes. Mr. A. Mackman Young.—Art cannot advance in the highest sense except by extremes.

Mrs. Ellen Thorneycroft Fowler.—It is the common-place people who are happiest, and best, and most useful. Rev. W. D. Morrison.—All law rests in the last resort on the sanction of public opinion.

Miss G. H. Jacob.—It is woman's birthright to be unselfish. Mr. Stanley Parker.—Men will not go to church to listen to platitudes and commonplaces.

Dean of Norwich.—In England we are always reluctant to make anything compulsory unless it is necessary. Mr. Thomas Burke.—Only childhood and middle-age dare to be light-hearted life—childhood because it does not understand, middle-age because it does understand.

Rev. W. Macaulay.—The spirit of true citizenship will come soon as men fully realise that irrespective of class distinctions they form one fraternity. Mr. P. B. Matheson.—There are many books about, in men's hands to-day, which lead to the rearing of prigs and unwholesome sentimentalists.

Mr. G. H. Ferris.—Most men of genius we could spare; at least we do not always feel the need of them.

Father Joseph Brown.—Before the age of 14 a boy is not very receptive—except in regard to food. Rev. A. M. Mitchell.—Better be unmarried and lonely all the days than an aide and abettor, though an ignorant one, of national degeneracy and race deterioration.

Mr. Anthony Hope.—Probably all the great men living (if there are any) have annoyed large sections of humanity.

Rev. W. C. Roberts.—Men need women every bit as much as women need men.

Mr. Edmund Gosse.—A biographer ought to be as indiscreet as possible, within the bounds of good taste and good feeling.

Miss Bursall.—The heterodoxy of to-day is the orthodoxy of to-morrow. Mr. Alexander Simons.—One great difficulty about young students is that when they leave the schools they are absolutely certain that they know everything.

Mr. C. Dethleff Burns.—A continual pessimism seems to run through the study of history, because the chief feature seems to be the greatness of men's ideals and their pitiable achievements.

Miss Helen Gladstone.—It is quite as wrong to starve the mind as to starve the body.

Miss Wallace.—This is an age when the individual has begun to receive much and to give little for it.

Prof. Moore Smith.—An educated person always admits that there are two sides to a question.

Mr. Bipin Chandra Pal.—The British conscience needs a good deal of raising.

Madame de Thobias.—To be truly happy husband and wife must have the same native language.

## The Weather Forecast.



On the 26th at 11.55 a.m.—The barometer has fallen considerably over S. China and Tongking, and risen a like amount on the N. E. coast of China and at Wladivostok.

A depression lies over S. China. It extends from Tongking to the Lower Yangtze valley.

The depression lying over the northern shores of the Sea of Japan yesterday, is passing to the Pacific to the North of Hokkaido.

High pressure now covers Manchuria. Light monsoon may be expected over the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

### FORECAST DISTRICT.

1.—Hongkong and Neighbourhood, E. and S. E. winds, fresh to moderate; cloudy, misty.

2.—Formosa Channel, same as No. 1.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamocks, same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan, same as No. 1.

### A PEER INTO THE FUTURE.

Gladstone League, Gladstone League, Gladstone League, onward, Rightfully out of breath, Rushed the Five Hundred. "Forward the Bright Brigade! Charge not too high!" he said: Rightfully out of breath, Rushed the Five Hundred.

"Forward the Bright Brigade!" Was there a shrink displayed? Not tho' the whole world knew 'Some head was dandled:

Theirs not to tell you why, Theirs not to dignify, Theirs but to multiply, Rightfully out of breath, Rushed the Five Hundred.

Redmond to right of them, Redmond to left of them, Redmond in front of them, Volley'd and thunder'd; Stormed at by shot and shell, Taunted by Christabel, Rightfully out of breath, Into the Gilded Hell, Rushed the Five Hundred.

Balham and Battersea, Brixton and Brompton, (Not to omit Dundee), Sent their contingents white, All the world wonder'd.

Waving their shibboleths, Braving the worst of deaths, Craving concussion, Worshipping Ashtoroths, Forward they blundered, None till then over saw, Such a Five Hundred.

Redmond to right of them, Redmond left of them, Redmond behind them, Volley'd and thunder'd; Stormed at by shot and shell, Tackled by Christabel, Ticked by Keir as well, Rightfully out of breath, Came to the Gilded Hell, With their receipts in hand, All the Five Hundred.

When can their glory fade? O the wild change they made! All the world wonder'd. Honour the Bright Brigade! Honour the foes they paid, Noble Five Hundred!

"THE WORLD."







## PLAY IN AUCTION BRIDGE.

RESPONSE OF THE DEALER'S PARTNER  
TO THE OPENING DECLARATION—  
THE SAFETY BID.

What response should the partner of the dealer at auction bridge make to the opening declaration? Is one of the early questions which arises when the game is studied. Presumably, the dealer has bid according to the rules of the game, which must be understood before any systematic conversation between the partners may be effective, for, while it would be contrary to every rule at bridge to give the partner any information as to the contents of one's hand, it is the duty, and, indeed, an important obligation at auction; to make all bids so that they shall carry such information as may be used most effectively in the future bidding, and in the play and development of the combined hands as the game progresses.

In order to fully understand the position of the dealer's partner, suppose that he has made the following bids, beginning with the lowest one of "one spade." This is called the "safety bid," and, while it precludes the possibility of any attacking strength, it does not mean that the dealer holds a hand devoid of any strength whatever. In fact, the holder of a hand which has correctly bid "one spade" may become an assisting hand to the partner after every one has been heard from. The one spade dealer tells his partner that he has no decided strength in any one suit, and also that his hand does not alone hold the component parts which would justify a no-trump. Therefore, if the third player holds a poor hand, he should pass, because he prefers to take advantage of the protection which is offered by limiting the loss of a "one-spade make" to 100 points, rather than to run the risk of being heavily penalized for a failure to carry out his contract.

Rarely, indeed, is the one-spade declaration left with his bid, for it stands to reason that, with weakness in two hands, the cards must be somewhere, and the fourth bidder generally makes an effort to win the game with either a no-trump or a heart bid. This state of affairs is emphasized if the second player has passed, for then fourth hand must hold considerable strength, and under such circumstances third hand should beware of declaring a weak no-trump, for, if he does, fourth hand will most likely double, and, having the lead, will make the game an expensive one for the no-trump dealer. Under such circumstances, third hand should make a declaration only of a nature to show his partner what to lead when the inevitable no-trump comes from fourth hand, and to show his bid.

A bid of one club from the dealer suggests a no-trump declaration. The dealer says that he can take care of the club suit, so, if third hand has protection in spades and one red suit, or even no spade strength, with both red suits well protected, but with neither strong enough to declare red, he should without hesitation say "one no-trump." The declaration of one diamond is an indirect invitation to the partner to bid hearts, as the game can be more readily won on that than on a diamond make. Third hand must be careful, however, not to take the diamond make away from his partner when he has only moderate strength in the hearts and only a good assistance to the diamonds. He must carefully measure the value of the red suits against each other, counting carefully the length and strength of each red suit in comparison with the other. If third hand holds strength in both black suits, and his diamonds are not capable of assisting or of sustaining the diamonds declaration (for instance, if he holds two or three below the ten), he should say one no-trump, because that offers a better opportunity of winning the game, and if it is doubled can easily be changed to two diamonds.

Sometimes the third bidder may find himself dangerously weak in the diamond suit, but unable to bid no-trump, his only holding being either a great spade or club suit, headed by ace, king, queen. He should then over-bid the diamond suit in spades or clubs as a warning to his partner that he cannot help him in the suit he has declared, and also that his hand can offer no assistance of value of a no-trump declaration.

Occasionally, the dealer may offer a two-trick call of either spades, clubs, or diamonds when the score of the declaration stands at 400. This announces the greatest assistance at a no-trump

declaration, and third hand should bid no-trumps, if holding any hand which would be a light no-trump at bridge. Indeed, all that he requires is strength in one black and in one red suit, and, if the other side is well advanced on the score, he may even bid "one no-trump" on one thoroughly established black suit, and that means a black suit that can hold its own from the start no matter how the outstanding cards may lie.

Generally when the dealer has said "one heart" the third bidder should not interfere. If he changes the bid, it can only mean a note of warning that the third bidder is at the mercy of the adversary with hearts as trumps; that he is either cheating in hearts, or else that with his hand on the table the exposure of the heart situation in his hand would prove fatal to the success of that as a trump. But even should he find himself thus weak in hearts, he would hesitate to bid two clubs unless the clubs are exceptionally strong that they would be of assistance at a no-trump declaration, or two diamonds, unless from a set-up suit of diamonds. He may properly go to "one no-trump" if he is exceedingly weak in hearts, and has the three other suits fully protected. If, after the third bidder's warning, his partner goes back to the original declaration, the third player must not again interfere, as his partner has taken the responsibility of the hand upon himself. There are times when the third bidder is sorely tempted to take his partner's "one heart" bid away from him by declaring one no-trump. This happens when he holds an honour in hearts and a reasonably strong outside hand. This should not be done, as it takes only one more trick to win the game at a heart declaration than it does at no trumps, and, if the hand is strong enough to justify a no-trump make, the needed trick can undoubtedly be won at hearts. The only reason for ever changing from the partner's heart declaration is a dangerous weakness in the heart.

Usually third bidder should not overbid his partner's one-trump call. The one exception is when he holds little or nothing in the other suits, and has a set-up suit of hearts, which means length as well as strength—three high honours and a suit of five or six. With such a holding he should not hesitate to overcall, "saying two hearts" for the very same reasons that he would not take a heart call away from his partner. His bid leaves the final decision, in any event, to his partner, who, after having been told that the heart suit will be taken care of, can judge at which of the two declarations the combined hands may be played with greatest success.

## THE PIECE-GOODS TRADE.

BIG RISE IN PRICES IN INDIA.

Calcutta, Jan. 5.  
Referring to the questions of piece-goods prices, the "Englishman" writes, "The news of the shortage of cotton in America has already made its effect felt in the piece-goods market in Calcutta as elsewhere. Retailers have advanced their prices and there seems to be no prospect of reverting to the low figures of 1909. For the consumer in India the outlook is by no means rosy as, with the big prices of foodstuffs and inordinate house rent in the large towns, he has now to face the problem of dear cloth, while there appears to be little or no foundation for the statement that the shortage of cotton would spread over a period of four or five years. It is none the less true that manufacturers and spinners are looking forward to handsome profits. In Calcutta, the prices have approximately risen twenty per cent. as compared with those obtaining last year, and up to August next they must either remain at their present level or advance further, but there will be no set back to what extent the prices will rise."

"It is impossible to say at the present moment, but as soon as all speculation as to the exact outcome of the American crop is set at rest the question will no longer remain in doubt. As it is, speculators are making the most of the opportunity afforded them by uncertainty of the cotton crop in America. The arrival of piece-goods in Calcutta show no signs of falling off so far, and the consumption has not been affected, but later on if there is a sudden rise in prices the sales in India might be reduced. Generally speaking, the piece-goods business in Calcutta is in a healthy condition. It has revived considerably recently and the bad times of the past three years seem to have come to an end."

## Intimations.

OF THE MULTITUDES

who have used it, or are now using it, we have never heard of any one who has been disappointed in it. No claims are made for it except those which are amply justified by experience. In commending it to the afflicted we simply point to its record. It has done great things, and it is certain to continue the excellent work. There is—we may honestly affirm—no medicine which can be used with greater and more reasonable faith and confidence. It nourishes and keeps up the strength during those periods when the appetite fails and food cannot be digested. To guard against imitations and substitutions, our "trade mark" is put on every bottle of "Wampole's Preparation," and without it none is genuine. It is palatable as honey and contains the nutritive and curative properties of Pure Cod Liver Oil, extracted by us from fresh cod livers, combined with the Compound Syrup of Hypophosphites and the Extracts of Malt and Wild Cherry. Taken before meals it creates an appetite, aids digestion, renews vital power, drives out disease germs, makes the blood rich, red and full of constructive elements, and gives back to the pleasures and labours of the world many who had abandoned hope. Dr. S. H. McCoy, of Canada, says: "I testify with pleasure to its unlimited usefulness as a tissue builder." Its curative powers can always be relied upon. It makes a new era in medicine is beneficial from the first dose and represents effective medical treatment of the twentieth century. "You can trust it as the Ivy does the Oak." One bottle convinces. Watch carefully against imitations. At all chemists here and throughout the world.

## CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with Government Notification No. 9 of 1911, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the transactions of PUBLIC BUSINESS on MONDAY and TUESDAY, the 30th and 31st idem, respectively. HONGKONG, 24th January, 1911.

## BOXING! BOXING!

CITY HALL, SATURDAY, Jan. 28th, 1911.

The Last of the Season.

BILL LEWIS v. ROD STANTON.  
The best of 23 times, minute round, for a purse of \$1,000, \$500 aside and the welterweight championship.

Gr. Arnold v. P. Richards.  
10 ROUNDS.  
Stoker Arnold v. Gr. Bedbrook.  
8 ROUNDS.

Pie. Potter v. Thomas Price.  
Decision open 8.3. Commencing 9.15 P.M.  
sh.p.

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Soldiers & Sailors half price to G. Henry.  
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Late Car, Late Ferry.

Hongkong, 24th January, 1911.

## NOTICE.

THE only Edition of the RACE BOOK and PROGRAMMES Authorized by the Stewards of the Jockey Club are to be printed by Messrs. DORRIS & CO.

T. F. HOUGH,  
Clerk of the Course.  
Hongkong, 25th January, 1911.

## FURNITURE WAREHOUSE.

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AN INSPECTION INVITED.

Hongkong, 8th August, 1908.

## Public Companies.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 27th day of January, 1911, at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon, when the subjoined Resolutions which were passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on Thursday, the 22nd day of January, 1911, will be submitted for Confirmation as Special Resolutions:—

(1) That Article No. 70 of the Articles of Association of the Company, which now reads:—  
"The Directors shall have power from time to time and at any time to appoint any other persons as to the Directors, but so that the total number of Directors shall not at any time exceed seven and so that no appointment under this clause shall have effect unless two-thirds at least of the Directors concur therein," be amended by eliminating the words "any" in the third line of such Article and by substituting the word "five" therefor, and also by eliminating the words "two-thirds at least" in the fourth line of such Article and by substituting the words "a majority" therefor; and

(2) That Article No. 72 of the Articles of Association of the Company, which now reads:—  
"The Directors other than the General Managers shall be paid out of the funds of the Company by way of remuneration for their services a commission of five per cent. of the net profits of the Company for each year provided that such profits amount to at least ten per cent. of the capital of the Company and such remuneration shall be divided among them in such proportions and manner as the Directors may decide and in default equally" be amended by eliminating therefrom the words "provided that such profits amount to at least ten per cent. of the capital of the Company" in the third and fourth lines thereof and by substituting in lieu thereof the words:—  
"not in any one year exceed the sum of \$5,000."

(3) That Article No. 82 of the Articles of Association of the Company, which now reads:—  
"The remuneration of the General Managers shall be \$3,000 per annum to cover office rent and salaries of Secretary and clerks and a commission of 5 per cent. of the net profits of the Company for each year, that such profits amount to 7 per cent. of the capital of the Company" be amended by eliminating the words "that such profits amount to 7 per cent. of the capital of the Company" in the third and fourth lines thereof and by substituting in lieu thereof the words:—  
"not in any one year exceed the sum of \$5,000."

(4) That Article No. 105 of the Articles of Association of the Company be struck out and that in lieu thereof the following further Articles be added, namely:—  
"No. 105."  
"Notice of the Declaration of any dividends whether interim or otherwise shall be given to the holders of registered shares by advertisement in a newspaper hereafter provided and no dividend shall bear interest as against the Company and a dividend shall not be deemed a specialty."  
"No. 105A."  
"All dividends unclaimed for one year after having been declared may be retained or otherwise made use of by the Directors for the benefit of the Company, until claimed and all dividends unclaimed for five years after having been declared may be forfeited by the Directors for the benefit of the Company."

(5) That the above Resolutions shall be re-respectively in their effect and that the alterations in the Articles of Association of the Company thereby effected shall be deemed to have been effected and come into force as on and from the 1st day of January, 1911.

Dated this 13th day of January, 1911.  
By Order of the Board,  
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
General Managers.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the

TWENTY-THIRD ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's Offices, Victoria Buildings, on FRIDAY, the 27th January, 1911, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1910.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, 17th January to FRIDAY, 27th January, 1911 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
A. SHELTON HOOPER,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 12th January, 1911.

THE WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the

TWENTY-THIRD ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's Offices, Victoria Buildings, on FRIDAY, the 27th January, 1911, at 11.45 A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1910.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, 17th January to FRIDAY, 27th January, 1911 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
A. SHELTON HOOPER,  
Secretary,  
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd.,  
General Agents for the West Point Building Co., Ltd.  
Hongkong, 12th January, 1911.

PUBLIC COMPANIES.

THE HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the

TEN THIRTIETH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's Offices, Victoria Buildings, on SATURDAY, 4th February, 1911, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1910.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, 4th February to SATURDAY, 11th February, 1911 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 12th January, 1911.

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Hongkong, 12th January, 1911.

## Public Companies.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,  
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 12th January, 1911.

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE EIGHTY-NINTH ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Office of the Company, Hotel Massena, on TUESDAY, the 21st February, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, confirming the appointment of a Director and electing Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 7th to 11th February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
W. E. CLARKE,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 24th January, 1911.

AUCTIONS.

BY THE ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

Mr. GEO. P. LAMMERT has received instructions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION on

MONDAY, the 13th day of February, 1911, at Noon, at his Sales Rooms, Daddell Street, Victoria, Hongkong.

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Hongkong, 24th day of Jan., 1911.

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Hongkong, 7th July 1910.

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and print the news without fear or  
favour.

**THE  
Hongkong Telegraph**  
HONGKONG, THURSDAY, JAN. 26, 1911.

## THE STUDENT PROBLEM.

It is satisfactory to note that the  
"National Review," the most respon-  
sible as well as the best-informed or-  
gan of Chinese public opinion in exist-  
ence, is emphasizing the need of tack-  
ling the "Chinese student problem."  
It is one of the most serious that  
China has to face at the present time,  
and, indeed, is of such a nature that it  
becomes intensified with every addi-  
tion to the already numerous vehicles  
of the higher education. This is the  
case, because the authorities have  
neglected, and still are neglect-  
ing, to supply adequate primary  
education. This has led naturally to  
the occupation of the schools by bodies  
of students who have never been sub-  
jected to the wholesome restraint of  
the discipline of the primary class.  
Under such conditions it is no matter  
for wonder, though it requires careful  
thought, that the majority of Chinese  
students show an extraordinary de-  
gree that hot-headedness and lack of  
restraint common to college men of  
most countries. They are learning to run  
before they can walk, and the result  
is proving disastrous. Witness the

recent disturbances at Tsingtao and  
Peking. There the students, so be-  
haved that the military forces were  
called out to preserve law and order  
and when the young gentlemen had  
been compelled to bow to duty consti-  
tuted authority they at once set about  
seeking means to embarrass the Gov-  
ernment, with the result that they have  
decided to hold conferences in the  
capital during the present New Year  
Holidays. This, of course, is intol-  
erable, and the example of the Hong-  
kong Government in suspending two  
hundred students of Queen's College  
and refusing to allow a single one of  
them to return to his studies except on  
payment of a fine of ten dollars, is one  
that should be followed by the educa-  
tional authorities. We do not wish to  
throw cold water upon the various  
efforts to increase educational facilities  
in China, or to dampen the ardour of  
those responsible for university  
schemes, but it is as well to look facts  
in the face, and the outstanding fact,  
putting it mildly, is that the average  
Chinese college man is quite unfitted  
for his position; he is a rudderless  
bark abroad on an unknown sea, and  
if the spectacle which India presents  
to-day is not to be reproduced in China,  
he must be brought to realise the  
principles of control. We know that  
the Chinese are grateful for and deeply  
appreciate such assistance as will be  
given them by the Hongkong Univer-  
sity, which we should all encourage by  
every means in our power, and aid in  
its rapid completion and equipment, and  
yet with the "National Review" we  
agree that such institutions are liable  
to disarrangement, because of the great  
lack in the Chinese educational sys-  
tem,—absence of primary schools.  
The "Review" voices the best opinion  
in this country when it says that the  
great bulk of the educational energy  
of the Central Government ought to be  
expended upon primary education of a  
practical kind, for the higher branches  
of learning are after all for the very few.  
With this example of India, and in  
lesser degree Japan, before us, we  
must realise the kindergarten-for-the-  
many and colleges for the few are  
China's pressing need.

HONGKONG DAY  
BY DAY.

Shareholders in the Hongkong  
Estate Co. meet to-morrow.

The Nord, which is an unloading, re-  
pairs at Kowloon, is now out of dock.

The German Mail of the 24th Inst.,  
was delivered in London on the 25th inst.

"Big business" is anticipated to be  
done on the railway during China New  
Year.

A Chinaman got twelve months' and  
six months' stocks to lay for returning  
from imprisonment.

The meetings of the West Point  
Building Co. and the Lan I Investment  
Co. are to be held to-morrow.

Meo Cheung forwards a number of  
excellent photographs of the procession  
to and from the Cathedral, where the  
service in memory of Admiral Gahler  
was held.

Tourists are at present taking great  
interest in sketching the different  
beautiful spots in the Colony. Yester-  
day, a lady tourist was sketching  
Flower Street.

Mrs. C. H. Hickling, wife of Rev.  
Hickling, is expected here on the P.  
O. S. S. *Nore*, due 8th prox. Mrs.  
Hickling left Hongkong April 13 to visit  
relatives at home.

Mr. Lawrence F. Townsend, hon. sec.  
of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club,  
desires us to state that the regatta and  
smoking concert will be held on Satur-  
day, the 11th February.

At the Club Germania, all the mem-  
bers will gather to-morrow evening to  
celebrate the birthday of the German  
Emperor. The dinner will begin at 9  
p.m., and the Consul, Dr. E. A.  
Vontsch, will be the master.

The Viceroy of the two Kingdoms, His  
Excellency Chang Jen-tsun, has sent a  
communication to the Minister of  
Foreign Affairs, requesting that a  
memorial should be presented to the  
Throne to confer a double dragon star  
on De Rijke, engineer in chief of the  
Whampoa coal cranes, on the comple-  
tion of his services.

Gunner H. Tillman and Sapper A.  
Harlow have resigned from the Volun-  
teers.

Ali Fong has some splendid photos  
of the ceremony over the remains of the  
late German Admiral.

Mothers, D. G. M. Bernard, W. G.  
Worcester, E. E. de D. Abney have  
joined the Volunteers.

The Garrison Cup for the races has  
been obtained and forwarded to the Clerk  
of the Course of the Hongkong Jockey  
Club.

The 3rd monthly shoot of the No. 4  
Company, I.L.K.V.A., takes place at  
2.15 p.m. on Sunday, the 29th, at  
King's Park Range.

To-night Mr. W. Smart, of the  
*Morning Post*, will give a lecture at the  
Chinese Y.M.C.A. on "Journalism."  
It should be of great interest to all mem-  
bers.

It will interest his numerous friends  
in the north to learn that the Bishop  
Brent has seen Mr. Jeffries, of St.  
Luke's Hospital, Shanghai, in London.  
The energetic medico has been in very  
indifferent health, but hopes soon to  
return to the field of his labour.

Major-General C. A. Anderson, C.B.,  
and the officers of the Garrison will be  
"At Home" on the Cricket Ground  
on Monday, January 30th, and by kind  
permission of Lieut. Hamilton and the  
officers of the band of the 1st Bn.  
K.O.Y.L.I. will play.

## CHINESE FINANCE.

LOCAL MEN HIT HARD.

[THE "TELEGRAPH" CORRESPONDENT.]

Canton, Jan. 25.  
As already reported in your columns  
a little while ago, Man Yuen Tai, an  
indigo dealer, has failed with liabilities  
of some ten thousand dollars to the  
China Export and Import Bank Co.,  
Hongkong. The emporium had acted  
as surety for the bankrupt firm on goods  
delivered on credit. The emporium  
has petitioned the local authorities in  
Canton to the effect that the Lai  
Sun, in Canton, and Lai Fat, in Fat  
Shan, were branches of the insolvent  
firm. The petitioner begged that these  
two shops be closed up and their goods  
checked.

It is now reported that the Nam  
Hoi Magistrate had sent for the  
managers of the two respective shops.  
They deposed that the ship were  
neither agents for the German firm nor  
branches of Man Yuen Tai. They admit-  
ted that the father of the master of Man  
Yuen Tai was a partner of the Lai Sun  
to the value of \$1,500. The Lai Sun  
and Man Yuen Tai had accounts with  
each other with respect to money and  
goods. The insolvent firm had over-  
drawn on Lai Sun a large sum of money  
which could not be covered by the  
amount of the Lai Sun's share in the  
business, who is the father of the pro-  
prietor of Man Yuen Tai.

The Nam Hoi Magistrate discovered  
that Lai Fat could not be brought into  
this dispute, as Lai Sun's interest in  
this firm was very small, being \$500.00  
in shares, and he requested the peti-  
tioners to look for Teo Pit Sai, the  
father of the proprietor of Man Yuen  
Tai, before the case could be heard.

The Nam Hoi Magistrate has report-  
ed the same to the German Consul at  
Shanghai.

## FIRES AT YAUMATEI.

FOUR OUTBREAKS WITHIN  
THREE HOURS.

The Yaumatei Fire Brigade was kept  
busy from twelve o'clock last night to 3  
a.m. this morning. During that time  
they were called out to four outbreaks,  
all of which were small affairs. One  
man was arrested on the scene of the  
fourth outbreak.

The first fire took place a little after  
twelve o'clock on the Reclamation ground,  
on which a quantity of brushwood was  
set ablaze.

The next one was at 1.45 a.m., in  
which a match in the Vegetable  
Market, opposite the Pumping station,  
was burned down.

The third one was at Mong Kok  
Teui at 2 a.m., in which another  
match was burned out.

The fourth and last was also at  
Mong Kok Teui, and this one occurred  
at 2.30 a.m., in which a fishing hut  
was set on fire.

The damage was small.

OUR  
CONTEMPORARIES.

WHAT THEY THINK.

China Mail.

ANGLO-GERMAN RELATIONS.

We agree with the *Times* when it  
says that no responsible statesman in  
England would ever shrink that frank  
and voluntary exchange of views which  
the Chancellor very courteously suggests  
if there were any overt antagonism be-  
tween the political and economic inter-  
ests of Great Britain and Germany  
which last itself to discussion. We  
have no quarrel with the German people  
nor they with us, and if only the  
sensory-mongers of yellow journalism  
could be totally suppressed the hopes  
for a thorough and complete under-  
standing between us would soon be  
abundantly realised. As we have said  
for the moment things must remain as  
they are, but we shall indeed be sur-  
prised if the German Chancellor's hint  
that his Government would willingly  
welcome proposals calculated to bring  
a rapprochement between England and  
Germany on politico-economic grounds,  
is allowed to pass without bringing forth  
from our Government a further dis-  
closure of the desires and wishes of the  
British people.

Daily Press.

DECLARATION OF LONDON.

The maintenance of this free trade  
depends upon shipping, and it is to be  
remembered that war with Great Britain  
eliminates at once, as carriers, to Ger-  
many, the two principal mercantile  
marines—the British and the German.  
France, with her *Entente* sympathies  
and traditional grievances, will not  
greatly object to measures which will  
eliminate also her merchant vessels, al-  
ready and otherwise sufficiently employ-  
ed. The United States has arms but  
costly shipping, also fully employed,  
and is not likely to insist strongly upon  
a privilege of supplying Germany with  
ships. The result is no strong naval  
power to object to the most serious re-  
pressive measures that Great Britain  
may undertake within the limits of in-  
ternational law, broadly interpreted.

South China Morning Post.

DECLARATION OF LONDON.

Although the time has now arrived  
for the Imperial Government to ratify  
the articles of the Declaration, most  
people will agree that the British  
Government is surrendering advantages  
which it is impossible to spare. If the  
clause pass without amendment, it will  
throw upon the Imperial Government  
the necessity of increasing the numbers  
of the cruiser detail in war time as  
protection to the colonies and the trade  
routes, while, also, it will entail a vast  
expenditure upon the provision of ad-  
ditional ships.

## DESPERADOES ABROAD.

SHOTS SET AFLAME.

[THE "TELEGRAPH" CORRESPONDENT.]

Canton, Jan. 25.

Some time in the 9th morn, Tong  
Yuen, a pawn broker in Shiu Nam, a  
journey market of Nam Hoi district,  
was surrounded by robbers. As the  
malcontents could not effect an entrance  
into the house, they set fire to the whole  
premises, with the result that several  
shops in the neighbourhood were en-  
veloped in flames. By the hasty method  
they succeeded in raising some of the  
business houses and carried off a good  
deal of booty.

It is now reported that through the  
surrender of some secret, four of the men  
alleged to have taken part in this  
treacherous attack were captured and  
handed over to the Canton Brigadier  
General for trial. Two of them admit-  
ting having taken part in setting fire to the  
Tong Yuen pawnshop and others in the  
vicinity for the purpose of robbing, in  
the company of about 140 others.  
After the robbery each man was forward-  
ed with about \$1.

They further admitted that they had  
also taken part in another case of  
robbery. The other two prisoners denied  
the charge and said they were watching  
in their village. The four prisoners  
have since been transferred to the Nam  
Hoi Magistrate to be dealt with.

## MARINE COURT.

BEFORE COMMANDER BAILLIE  
TAYLOR, R.N.

The master of the steam launch  
Wicken was charged with unlawfully  
carrying on the 22nd, 36 passengers in  
excess of the number allowed.

Sergeant Pattison gave evidence.  
Defendant said he knew he had 35  
passengers in excess, but thought he was  
inside the harbour limits. A fine of  
\$200 or six months' was imposed.

Fau Fat was charged with carrying  
97 passengers in excess of the number  
allowed on the launch Keng Shan, at  
11.20 a.m. on the 22nd inst.

Inspectors O'Sullivan and Appleton  
stated that on the 22nd instant they  
noticed a crowded launch alongside the  
Hung Hom ferry wharf. The number of  
passengers amounted to 200, not con-  
sisting small children, and Insp. Apple-  
ton told defendant that he would  
prosecute him.

The defendant, who was represented  
by Mr. Shenton, said: The accom-  
modation for passengers on this run is  
not equal to the demand, and it is not  
easy for the launch owners to put on  
more launches.

Insp. Pattison stated that six launches  
are on this same line, running in com-  
petition.

Mr. Shenton asked the Magistrate to  
take the Chinese New Year into con-  
sideration. The traffic was then very  
large, and the launches were insufficient  
to cope with the demand.

The Magistrate did not accept this  
excuse, and defendant was fined \$200.

Another case similar to above, in  
which Kwok Kan is charged with carry-  
ing 10 passengers in excess, will be  
heard to-morrow morning.

CHINESE STILL POURING  
INTO CANADA.

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—In spite of what  
was considered a few years ago as  
practically a prohibitive poll tax, there  
is a constantly increasing stream of  
Chinese people coming into Canada.  
In a little over half of the present  
fiscal year more than 3,000 Chinese  
have arrived in this country, and the  
best tax paid by them amounts to  
over \$1,000,000.

During the first seven months of the  
year, from April to October inclusive,  
the Chinese arrivals in the Dominion  
totalled 3536 souls.

## THE VANISHING HORSE.

ASTONISHING DECREASE IN PARIS IN  
THE SPACE OF A YEAR.

Paris, 21 Dec.—The census of  
horses in Paris, recently taken by the  
Minister of War shows that the noble  
but natural animal is becoming scarce  
in the city which is justly called  
"the hell of horses."

Whereas in 1899 there were 91,261  
horses in Paris, the 1910 census shows  
that the number has dwindled to  
75,463. About one-half of the decrease  
appears to be due to the replacement  
of the horse by motor-propelled vehicles  
by the omnibus company and a big  
firm of jobbers. The diminu-  
tion is most marked in the wealth-  
ier districts of the capital; thus the  
8th arrondissement, which comprises  
the quarter north of the Opera, had this  
year only 2,054 horses, against 4,125  
in 1899, a decrease of about 50 per  
cent.

The carriage-horse, it would seem,  
rather than his humble brother who  
draws a tradesman's cart, is giving way  
to the motor, for in the districts on the  
outskirts, where people do not ride  
much in their own carriages, there is no  
noticeable falling off in the number of  
horses. It is in these districts that the  
big firms of contractors, builders, furni-  
ture-movers, and the like are to be  
found.

The omnibus company has now 9,450  
horses, whereas in 1899 it possessed  
15,823. By next year the number will  
be reduced to about 2,000 horses, the  
result, of course, of the further adoption  
of motor traffic.

The number of automobiles in Paris  
has increased from 649 in 1900 to  
13,034 in 1909, the latter figure rep-  
resenting over a quarter of the total  
number of cars in the whole of France.  
But although, taking France as a  
whole, the number of automobiles has  
increased from 2,982 in 1900 to about  
50,000 at the present moment, the  
number of horses has also increased in  
the same period by about 300,000.  
The rate of increase, however, is less  
now than it was ten years ago.

## POLICE COURT.

TO-DAY'S CASES.

A Chinaman was charged at the  
Police Court this morning, before Mr.  
J. R. Wood, with the larceny of a draft,  
and being in possession of stolen prop-  
erty.

It appears that on the 10th inst., the  
master of the Yau Hing ship, of  
Queen's Road, West, went to the  
Deutch Asiatic Bank, and while waiting  
there he had his pocket cut and a draft  
for \$115 was stolen. The Police  
noticed all the banks. Yesterday  
morning, about 11.30, a man armed  
Tang Fook went to the Hongkong and  
Shanghai Bank, attempted to cash the  
draft, and was arrested on the spot.

Evidence was then called, and his  
Worship sentenced the defendant to  
six months' and four hours' stock.

Three men were arrested in connec-  
tion with the armed robbery case at  
No. 51 Connaught Road West on the  
10th inst. They appeared before the  
Magistrate this morning and were  
remanded.

Wong Yan, unemployed, was com-  
mitted for trial at the next sessions for  
the larceny of a quantity of human hair,  
to the value of \$1500, from Mr. Man-  
dell's hair factory at Shaukiwan. The  
man was arrested on the Shaukiwan  
Road, with a bag of hair to the value  
of \$500 in his possession.

A coolie, employed in the ker's oil  
works was sentenced to three weeks  
"hard," for cutting and wounding  
another coolie.

Chas. Sterling Morton was charged at  
the Magistrate this morning with steal-  
ing a quantity of engine room fittings,  
valued at \$130 from the P. M. S. S.  
Asia, and a Chinaman was also charged  
with receiving the stolen goods.

The first defendant pleaded guilty of  
having stolen the goods, and threw him-  
self upon the mercy of the Court.

The second defendant stated that he  
did not know that the goods were stolen  
property.

Evidence was then called, and his  
Worship passed sentence of three  
months' hard labour on each of the de-  
fendants.

A Chinaman got one month "hard"  
for the larceny of a long coat and a  
jacket.

The Chinaman who was charged before  
Mr. J. R. Wood yesterday for the de-  
falcation of a girl on the s.s. *Hongkong*  
was discharged this morning. Mr. B.  
J. Grist, from the firm of Messrs. Wil-  
kinson and Grist, represented the de-  
fendant.

The rent collector which was charged  
with embezzling \$14,825 and forging  
three receipts from Mr. Chin Chan  
Nani was further remanded at the  
Magistrate this afternoon.

Mr. W. B. L. Shenton prosecuted  
and substituted three smaller sums in  
place of the \$14,825.

## IMPERIAL EDICTS.

Mao Lin is appointed to worship and  
make sacrifices on behalf of His  
Gracious Imperial Majesty The Em-  
peror Hsuan Tung, at the Central  
Hall of the Ancestral Temple on the  
28th instant, (28th day of the 12th  
moon), and Hsi Lin and Jung Tun at  
the East and West Halls respectively.  
Kwei Pia is appointed to worship at  
the Rear Hall of the Ancestral Temple  
on the 27th inst. (27th day of the 12th  
moon), and Pa Wei at the Middle  
Hall. Prince Tsai Hing is appointed  
to make sacrifices at the Central Hall of  
the Tai Siu Temple on the 24th inst. (24th  
day of the 12th moon), and Chi  
Tei and Jui Fong at the two wings  
respectively.

His Excellency Hsi Lien having re-  
turned to Peking for service, Shin  
Ling is appointed Brigadier General of  
Western Troops (Tai Hing) and com-  
mander of the Imperial Household.

Captain Wang Ting-ching, of the  
First Artillery Company, is appointed  
Colonel of the Second Regiment, Im-  
perial Guards, with the grade of a  
Lieutenant-General.

Two men were fined \$100 each at the  
Magistrate for being in possession of  
three revolvers, and many rounds of  
ammunition.

## THE SHANGHAI BANK.

MR. STABB'S APPOINTMENT.

Mr. N. J. Stabb has emerged trium-  
phant from his probationary period as  
acting chief manager of the Hongkong  
and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

The official announcement was publish-  
ed yesterday that that gentleman has been  
confirmed in the substantive appoint-  
ment is proof positive that the evidence  
of Mr. Stabb's ability to succeed Mr.  
J. R. M. Smith in the onerous posi-  
tion of chief manager of the leading  
Bank in the Far East have been estab-  
lished beyond all doubt in the  
minds of the Court of Directors of the  
Corporation. No such evidence was  
required by those who had watched the  
meteoric rise of the new chief manager  
in his brilliant ascendancy from the desk  
in the general office to the sanctum of the  
head office. But certainly the directors  
must have been that the choice of a suc-  
cessor to the late chief manager must  
ultimately fall to the lot of the present  
holder of the office, as man of business  
and in accordance with the ordinary  
dictates of prudence Mr. Stabb had, of  
necessity, to go through the mill, and  
submit to the test of a probationary  
appointment. What the result of that  
test has been the announcement appear-  
ing in the business section of the *Tele-  
graph* last evening chronicled.

The coveted mantle of honour and re-  
sponsibility could not have fallen  
upon more deserving shoulders.  
The recipient of the appointment it is  
to be congratulated upon his attainment  
to the distinction of the high office of  
chief manager and the selection is hailed  
with satisfaction by the staff of the  
Bank itself and endorsed by the ex-  
pressed approbation of the community  
at large.

AMERICA'S WHITE MAN'S  
BURDEN.

THE PHILIPPINES.

The reflex value of the Philippines to  
the United States is found by the  
special correspondent of the *London  
Times*, writing from Manila, in the  
enlightenment of Americans regarding  
"the affairs of the world." Yet this  
enlightenment is far from complete.  
It would be a fine thing for the world,  
thinks this observer, if there could be  
a tabulated some circulating system by  
which the entire American people could  
be pumped in sections out to the  
Philippines, hold there for a while until  
they understood something of what  
empire means, and then pump them  
again. The particular point of this  
remark seems to lie in the further  
observation that, the more the Ameri-  
cans in the Philippines and come to  
understand the Orient, the more he  
sympathizes with the colonial work  
which Great Britain is doing. No  
doubt, the light-heartedness with which  
we took up a task of which we were to-  
tally ignorant, has given way before an  
experience that has taught us truths to  
which at the outset we would not listen  
from the lips of others. Kipling's  
"White Man's Burden" has been  
transformed from a rook of offense into  
a text for almost every emergency; but  
our Philippine burden merely grows  
heavier with time.—*Evening Post*, New  
York.

## SCOTCH DIVORCES.

INCREASE IN THE SUITS DURING  
PAST YEAR.

The statistics of the Scottish divorce  
courts during the year are remarkable.  
A record day's work was established by  
Lord Guthrie, a member of the Royal  
Commission on Divorce, who in one  
forenoon pronounced the decree in 12  
cases, or at the rate of one every 15  
minutes. On that occasion the Court  
disposed of 17 cases in all.

The total number of cases dealt with  
by the court during the year was 224,  
which compares with 195 last year and  
200 in 1908.

In only five cases was a decree re-  
fused, while three cases have been car-  
ried over undecided into the New Year.  
Wives were the plaintiffs in 138 of the  
suits. Of the total suits, 117 were  
based on the ground of infidelity and  
107 on the ground of desertion.

Our County Court judges are practi-  
cally as well as respectable, and the car-  
ols of speech quickly repents the error  
of his ways. A Baonin incident at  
Bloomsbury, for instance: "I shall  
be pleased to pay," said a man. "Oh,  
nonsense," replied Judge Bacon. "No  
one likes to pay money." Politicians  
and social reform have lost their charm  
for Judge Bacon.



## [Special Article.]

Bishop Brent Interviewed.  
THE OPIUM QUESTION.

ROOSEVELT AND AMERICAN POLITICS.

Dr. Brent, the well-known and much esteemed Bishop of the Philippines, has just passed through Hongkong en route to Manila, whither his Lordship left to-day by the German boat.

Dr. Brent, who was the guest of Bishop Lander, is a man of the most genial disposition, and very courteously granted an interview last evening to a representative of the Hongkong Telegraph.

His Lordship went to England about eight months ago to attend the World's Missionary Conference, which was held in Edinburgh. As its name implies, the conference had to deal with questions connected with the entire field of mission work the world over.

"It was the most remarkable gathering I have ever attended. Every delegate was firm in his conviction, but at the same time, and a patient hearing was given to every question attached to the missionary problem," said his Lordship.

"The question whether the educational efforts of the different missionary bodies in China should in future bear a more homogeneous character was fully discussed. There were a variety of opinions on both sides of the question, but the consensus of opinion was that no change should be made at the cost of decreased efficiency."

"Baptism and medical mission," observed the Bishop, "seem to command more general interest."

Asked about the opium question, his Lordship said it had been most extensively discussed at the conference, and the upshot was that a deputing, headed by Dr. M. A. Bishop of Durham, a brother of Dr. M. A. Bishop of Mal-China, presented a memorial to the British Government urging a speedy cessation of the opium traffic. It is known, however, that four or five Powers had already agreed to an international conference on the subject, to be held at The Hague, but the date has not yet been fixed.

"Your Lordship has no doubt heard that Sir Alexander Hume is going to the aid of all the provinces in China to fight on behalf of the British Government, how far the Chinese Government is keeping to its engagement with regard to the opium question throughout the empire," our representative asked.

"I am personally acquainted with Sir Alexander, and have every confidence in any statistics that he may be able to gather," replied the Bishop.

With regard to the language question in the Philippines, Dr. Brent is of opinion that on the whole the educational work of the Government has been creditable. The Government has met with grave difficulties, perhaps because it has not emphasized the technical side of public education, but that defect has now been remedied. However, in two years hence the language of the Law Courts in the Philippines will be English instead of Spanish as hitherto.

Dr. Brent having said that he had also visited the States to attend a Convention of the Episcopal Church there, our representative availed himself of the opportunity thus afforded to ask about the political situation in America.

"I saw Roosevelt in London and later on in America. At the present time he is not taking any active part in politics, since the defeat of the Republican party in November last. But Roosevelt has not finished his political career yet. He is the interest of the country too much at heart. The Republicans would have been defeated by any means, and Roosevelt has simply been made the scapegoat."

Such is Bishop Brent's impression of the trend of politics in the United States.

## INDO-CHINESE OPIUM TRADE.

Allahabad, Jan. 4.—Telegrams received from Hongkong show that the local opium market is a good deal affected by the recent announcement of the action to be taken by the Government of India in the matter of the drug to China, and it is asserted that inevitable results will be an increase of smuggling, particularly through Singapore.

Calcutta, Jan. 5.—Negotiations are still proceeding between the British and the Chinese Government regarding the future of the opium trade. It is understood, according to the latest Chinese proposals, that the fresh agreement will be for seven years.—*Dumby Gazette.*

## BILLIARDS.

## SOLDIERS' CLUB TOURNAMENT.

Two more matches were played last night at the Soldiers' Club in connection with the above tournament. The first game was between Sergeant Turner, R.G.A., and Sergeant Trotman. The scores in this game were, Turner, 250, and the latter 216. Turner made the best break of the game, a 31.

The next game was played between Quarter-Master-Sergeant Statham, R.G.A., and Supper Cox, R.E. The game was a slow one from start to finish. At the opening stage Cox made a 16, and this was immediately followed by Statham with a 23. The scores were pretty even all the way till 159 was reached, when Statham gradually increased his lead and his score stood at 250, when Cox was only 211. The former played a cool game throughout.

The last two games will take place tonight, and this will be drawn between Master-Gunner Brown, and Marrie, of the R.G.A., and Supper Brown and Biddle of the R.E.

The Army Ordnance Corps will meet the Hongkong Volunteer Reserves on Friday night.

The following are the up-to-date scores of the R.G.A. and R.E. teams:—

R.G.A.	
Col. Chamberlain	221
Major Kirke	259
M. G. Fuller	250
Capt. Crawford	250
Serge Turner	250
Q. M. S. Statham	259
Total	1,474
R.E.	
Capt. Biddle	250
Supper Brown	176
Capt. Brown	183
Capt. Carpenter	146
Serge Trotman	216
Syde	211
Total	1,183

The R.G.A.'s so far have a lead of 285 points.

## BOXING.

Bill Lewis had a stiff four three-minute rounds with Captain yesterday afternoon at the Ball View Hotel. A large gathering of interested spectators watched the proceedings. This completed his heavy work, and for the next few days he will not be doing much beyond light exercise.

Ray Stanton worked yesterday at the V.R.C. and also put in some good work with his sparring partners, Figgott and Aran.

This will no doubt be one of the best fights ever witnessed at the City Hall, as both are confident of carrying off honours. Other good bouts have also been arranged for Saturday next.

"The British champions, when 1911 dawned, were: Heavy, Ian Hague; middle, Jim Sullivan; welter, Young Joseph; light, Freddie Welsh; feather, Jim Driscoll and bantam, Digby Stanley. I wonder how many will retain the title till 1912."—*Asian.*

## THE ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

The quarterly meeting was held at the Happy Valley from 21st to 23rd inst. with the following results:—

GREENS HONOUR.	
A. C. E. Ellborough	94
Rev. Foster Pegg	83
A. Mackenzie	83
J. Clark	86
Capt. Nicholas	99
W. Jolly	102

28 entries.

STROKES RECEIVED.	
A. Mackenzie	8
M. A. Murray	8
A. W. W. Walkinshaw	1
Rev. Foster Pegg	3
Capt. Nicholas	7
Lt. Col. Chamberlain	3

31 entries.

POOL.	
A. Mackenzie	8
M. A. Murray	3
A. W. W. Walkinshaw	1
Rev. Foster Pegg	3
Capt. Nicholas	7
Lt. Col. Chamberlain	3
D. W. Tratum	14

27 entries.

\* Winner of MacEwen Cup.

† Winner of Reavis Cup and Pool.

SMUGGLING CHINESE.  
INTO THE UNITED STATES.

New methods of fighting the Chinese smugglers and yellow slavers in San Francisco will probably be adopted by the immigration authorities, says the "San Francisco Chronicle." Inspector Harry Edwell, specially commissioned to investigate the service at this port, has recommended to Washington a new mode of coping with smugglers.

Edwell sent a report of his investigation to Washington and will continue his work. He is not ready to report on his findings in the investigation of former committee of Immigration Hart North. Though he will say nothing touching on North, it is understood that North's name has been drawn in the smuggling inquiry and forms part of the report.

The report is a detailed account of the testimony from the 15 experienced Chinese caught several weeks ago as they were being landed from the Manchuria. The methods of recruiting Chinese girls are given in detail. The names of men active in the traffic have been obtained.

Armed with this information Edwell has evolved a plan for breaking up the ring. He is reticent regarding it. It is known he has already asked for an increase in the number of inspectors, but his recommendations are more in the nature of a general properly managed and adequate traffic.

He said that valuable information had come into his hands about the ring and that he had a means of ending its operations. The plan must have the sanction of the department, however, and for this reason he has forwarded his report to Washington.

## NEWS FROM THE NORTH.

Duke Tei-tze has determined to have the Salt Council inaugurated with the Ministry of Finance. The statement will be submitted to the throne next spring, as soon as the new year ceremonies close.

Censor Wan Su memorialized the throne urging the publication of the decision as to the new official system, so that officials and people may be prepared for carrying out the order.

With regard to the denunciation which was made against the Viceroy of the two Kings, His Excellency Chang Jea-tsun, by the Senate, on account of the rising of foreign loans in Shanghai, the Viceroy has been instructed by private Imperial orders that hereafter the Viceroy should consult with the National and Provincial assemblies.

The Governor of Chekiang has cabled to the Grand Council, stating that with reference to the decision of the Senate to reduce the administrative expenses in that province, it is feared it may impede the progress of reform. He requests the Throne to reconsider the matter.

The Prince Regent has given instructions to the Grand Councilors, and the Ministers of State Affairs to make haste in deciding the period for establishing a responsible cabinet in order to prevent the people from indulging in suspicion as to their fidelity.

## ARMED ROBBERY AT YAU MATI.

It has been reported to the Police that six men, armed with revolvers, entered a shop at Yau mati. On entering they drove the master and his wife to the back of the premises and ransacked the shop. They disappeared with money and jewellery to the value of \$176. No arrests have been made up to the time we went to press.

## OPIUM SEIZURES.

Two men were charged at the Magistrate's court, before Mr. E. R. Halliday, with having in their possession 10 tins, 3 maces of prepared opium, and 10 tins, 5 maces of opium dross.

The men were arrested on board the s.s. *San Lee*. The first defendant denied being the owner of the opium, while the second man admitted being in possession of the stuff.

At this stage His Worship discharged the first defendant, but imposed a fine of \$500 or three months' imprisonment on the second defendant.

## END OF AN ILL-FATED STEAMER.

## THE BENTLEY SINKS.

Our contemporary, the "Morning Post," to-day described the disaster which has overtaken the Bentley. An explosion took place on the 3rd, and she was burned out off Annam.

It is interesting to record the fact that she was the Sorogon of Manila, and came up in 1906 to Hongkong to have a new boiler put in. This was ordered from home, and was landed in the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co's yard. The vessel lay alongside the shear legs, had the old boiler lifted out, and whilst the men were preparing to install the new boiler the big typhoon of 1906 came on with remarkable suddenness. The Dock Co. staff were unable to get the vessel moved, in so short a time, to a safe anchorage. She pounded herself against the wall, and finally sank alongside.

She lay there for weeks, when the Dock Co., in order to secure the use of their wharf and shear legs, purchased the vessel as she lay—a wreck.

They successfully raised and repaired her, and later on fitted her out completely for the late owners, the name of Bentley being given the vessel. She was re-classed, also, with Lloyd's Register.

## CAPTAIN TELLS OF A BIG SMUGGLING RING.

## ORGANIZATION EXTENDS TO ALL PARTS OF CHINESE EMPIRE.

Vancouver, (B.C.), December 23.—The existence of a great company with headquarters in Canton and Hongkong and branches in all parts of the Chinese empire, having for its purpose the smuggling of Chinese into the United States and Canada, was vouched for before the Chinese Commission here to-day by Captain A. J. Loftus of the Steamship Agency. Captain A. Loftus was formerly officer of the steamer *Ocean*, on which three Chinese stowaways were discovered in Tacoma last spring. The ship's carpenter at that time, said Loftus, was in league with the chief stowaway and the steward, and seventeen Chinese stowaways escaped from the vessel at Vancouver.

Captain Loftus denied all personal knowledge of Chinese smuggling, and stated that since the Tacoma incident his company had discovered in Hongkong the smuggling syndicate referred to, and, with the aid of the British police in that city, was making every effort to break it up. The chief tally-men on the liners from the Orient were involved. Captain Loftus, referring to statements made by the stowaways in Tacoma, implicating him, said that before the magistrate in Hongkong those same stowaways had said that in Tacoma their evidence was squeezed out of them by the police.

## OUR DIARY.

Thursday, 26th January.  
Masquerade Carnival, Ball View Hotel, 9 p.m.

Dramatic Entertainment at St. Joseph's College, 8 p.m.

Bijou Theatre, 9.15 p.m.

Friday, 27th January.

Lady Lugard "At Home."

Humphreys Estate Meeting, 11.30 a.m.

West Point Building Co., Ltd.

Twenty-Third Annual Meeting, at 11.45 a.m.

Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., Twenty-First Annual Meeting at noon.

Saturday, 28th January.

Peking, City Hall.

Hongkong Volunteer Corps, Gas-oline Shield Competition.

Dramatic Entertainment, at St. Joseph's College, 8 p.m.

China Provi's it, annual meeting.

Alinal Day at Kowloon.

Monday, 30th January.

Chinese New Year.

Bank Holiday.

Tuesday, 31st January.

Bank Holiday.

Wednesday, 1st February.

Hongkong Football Shield Competition, entries close, 5.30 p.m.

Licensing Board Meeting.

Thursday, 2nd February.

Sanitary Board Meeting, 9.45 p.m.

Friday, 10th February.

Volunteer Dance.

St. Paul's College, laying of foundation of new school building.

## "BY THE WAY."

The following brightly paragraphs are from recent issues of the *Globe*—

"Report, my boy," said his kind uncle, "if you are a good little boy, I will leave you my fine collection of stamps in my will." "Thank you, uncle," said the grateful youth. He paused. "Uncle," he said nonchalantly after a while, "do you think you will live long?"

From the "Daily News" leader: "Mr. Balfour, at Nottingham, last night added nothing to our knowledge." From Mr. Balfour's speech: "We are not governed by a monarchical despotism or even by hereditary Peers. We are governed by log-rolling factions of men who care nothing for your Empire or your country."

Our Humble Heroet. At the new Indian restaurant the table d'hôte menu is as follows:—Dall and rice. Paratha and Kadah. Mutton pilas and Kofia curry. Jalshee (After you with the Jalabee). Many people, we are told, went through it.

Tarring doors seems a favourite amusement in Wales. "More doors were tarred in the Aberdare district last night," relates a news item. "My door-tar, oh, my door-tar!" as the poet said.

"Ma'am," said the new cook, "I should like to ask you something. It's about Jenkins, the butcher. He says I shall have five per cent on all the orders I gave him. What does that mean?" The lady of the house looked thoughtful. "These testimonials, Jane," she said, "are hard to explain exactly. Broadly it means that we shall not get our meat from Jones in future."

According to the Paris "Gaulois":—"Desecration is the just punishment of those nations which abandon their traditional guides to follow adventurers and charlatans." Now you know why Mr. Lloyd George has ceased to subscribe to the Paris "Gaulois," with its poisonous views.

"Music to be heard in perfection should be heard in absolute darkness," remarked a lecturer at Liverpool yesterday. Oh, listen to the band when the moving pictures are on!

The "Maffin" is a fair-minded paper. We bare our opinion on its statement that the rise of the Seine is due to the bad weather. Our Radical contemporaries would have dragged in something about the Dukes.

Heard at Grimsby County Police court.—Solicitor (questioning a witness from the country): "I suppose you did not care to be seen talking to this young woman?" Witness: "Oh, I didn't mind. I aren't particular who I talk to. I'd as soon be seen talking to her as be seen talking to you" (roars of laughter, in which the Bench joined). We bet it did.

"Bald!" said the taciturn barber, in reply to his customer's question. "I should hardly like to go so far as to say that you were getting bald. Shall we say that there is plenty of room at the top?"

Why was Mr. Lloyd George's shining morning face disfigured by that hideous scowl yesterday? We will tell you. It was because his eye had been caught by this passage in the Paris "Belair":—"English politicians have not come down yet to our standard of abuse and vituperation in election campaigns."

In a Berlin theatre the matinee last problem has been entirely solved by a notice requesting all except middle-aged and elderly females in the stalls to remove their hats. One can always prevent women standing up in a crowd by shouting, "Will the pretty young lady in front please sit down?"

The Lion, by a Board School boy.—"The lion is the king of all animals. It is very fierce. Lion has very big paws. It has a dark brown skin. It is got a piece of hair on its tale and all round its neck. The lion like on men and other things. When the lion is young it is called a cub. The lion are mostly found in woods out in other parts of the world. There life are very unsafe because hunter go out to kill the lion. The lion is very useful. Its skin is used for making fire and other things. Its toes are very useful. The lion is used for shoes. It is used in India."

## To-day's Advertisements.

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9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.	" 15 min.
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11.45 a.m. to 12.00 noon	" 15 min.
12.00 noon to 1.00 p.m.	" 10 min.
1.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.	" 15 min.
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